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SUBJ: SUGGESTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF PARTY ELECTION

1. ON JANUARY 5 I TOOK TIME OUT FROM THE WAR TO MEET WITH
KHJCER PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER HANG THUN HAK TO DISCUSS LON NON'S
EFFORTS TO CAPTURE SECRETARY GENERALSHIP OF SOCIO-REPUBLICAN
PARTY. IN COURSE OF MEETING I QUESTIONED WHETHER, UNDER
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD NOT BE PREFERABLE TO
POSTPONE DOMESTIC PARTY INFIGHTING UNTIL MILITARY SITUATION
HAS CLARIFIED. SINCE SOCIO-REPUBLICAN PARTY HAD PLANNED
CONGRESS WITH ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL FOR JANUARY 19,
I SUGGESTED PARTY LEADERSHIP MAY CONSIDER EITHER POSTPONING
CONVENING OF THIS MEETING OR INSTITUTING COLLEGIATE
LEADERSHIP AS SYMBOL OF UNITY WITHIN SOCIO-REPULICAN PARTY.
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MY OBJECTIVE IS CLEARLY TO PREVENT LON NOL GETTING HIMSELF

ELECTED AS SECRETARY GENERAL ON JANUARY 19 AND I
AVALIED MYSELF OF PRESSING MILITARY SITUATION IN
CAPITAL AREA TO FOIL "LITTLE BROTHER'S" PLANS.

2. HANG THUN HAK FULLY AGREED WITH NEED TO FOCUS ON
MILITARY SITUATION FIRST AND NOT TO DETRACT FROM WAR
EFFORT BY POLITICAL MANEUVERING. HE PLANNED TO SUGGEST
THESE IDEAS AT NEXT PARTY MEETING THIS WEEK, BUT
SUGGESTED THAT I ALSO MENTION MY THOUGHTS TO THE
MARSHAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIS SUPPORT. I INTEND TO
DO SO TODAY WHEN I SEE HIM TO INTRODUCE UNDER SECRETARY
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